MR. K. M. PAUL: *(Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam):* Then, who is responsible for this state of affairs?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not want to say who is responsible.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know whether the delay in execution is due to the insufficient rates allowed by the department?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not in every case.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Out of the 56 works, it is stated that two have been taken up and that others are in various stages of progress. May I know whether the rest are being attended to at all?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Actually, only four works are completed and 19 under various stages of execution.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Sir, nothing has been stated in the answer about these "other works." I wanted further clarification on that matter.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The answer is to the question, not for what the honourable member had in mind.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the honourable member state what the average delay is so far as his office is concerned regarding each of these works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Probably about 30 days.

*Projects.*

79. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN *(Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum):* Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made so far of the following projects:

(1) the K. E. P. Division at Perunchani,
(2) The Vizhinjom Harbour scheme,
(3) The dams across *(a)* Pamba river,
*(b)* Kallada river,
*(c)* Neyyar, and
*(d)* Karamana river?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (1) The foundation for the right floor of the dam at Perunchani is nearly ready and the rock depth is being explored with the available calyx drills. Foundation for the central section is under execution. Store sheds for cement, explosives, machinery and other stores have been constructed as also a field office.

Quarters for labour and Maistries have been constructed at Perunchani, Pechippara and Tripparappu or are nearly completed and are fit for occupation. Some 200 families are in residence. Quarters for other staffs are under construction and are expected to be ready in a month or two.

The 7 earthen gaps of the Kodayar Dam works have been strengthened adequately to deal with increased storage. Strengthening of the masonry dam and grouting it after drilling calyx holes are in progress and considerable headway has been made in them.

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[Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan.]

About 100 feet of the Thripparappu pick-up weir have been concreted up to a foot of the foundation level. The final alignment to the channels are being fixed.

(2) Investigation was completed, expert opinion obtained and an estimate for the work costing Rs. 242 lakhs has been sanctioned. Valuation of buildings for acquisition is in progress.

(3) *(a)* Two dams across the Pambayar and Kakiyar rivers have been investigated. The staff has just returned after completing the field work on the outbreak of the monsoon and is at present engaged on office work in preparing plans.

*(b)* Kallada river. The particulars of flow in the river have been obtained, as also of sections of the river and a report is under preparation.

*(c)* and *(d)* These two schemes are under consideration.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the honourable member which bridge will be taken up first?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Sir, Neyyar and Karamana dams are under consideration. As regards the Pampa river, the parties have come to the office for finishing the office portion of the work after completing the field work. As regards the Kallada river dam a report as to the flow and the sections of the river are being compiled in my office and the preliminary report will go to Government shortly.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: May I know whether there are any other dams to be investigated?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir. There are many dams in the Pampa river and it can be taken up one after the other.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know when it was completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is not completed.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: When was it begun?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About two or three months before I came here.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know when the scheme is expected to be completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Sir, about the Kallada river I propose to send the report in a week or two. With the staff I am having I am trying to expedite matters as much as I can.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Is it due to this that the ordinary works are suffering?

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, .....

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

MR. V. I. IDICULLA: May I know when the actual work in Pamba will begin?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Probably in a year or two.

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